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Mayor Piercy Joining in Summit of West Coast Mayors Aimed at Finding Solutions to Homelessness, Climate Change

Today and tomorrow, Mayor Piercy is participating in a unique summit of Mayors from Portland, Seattle, San Francisco, and Los Angeles to advance solutions to two pressing issues affecting all the West Coast cities; homelessness and climate change. Julian Castro, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Matthew Doherty, Executive Director for U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, are also participating in the Summit today with the goal of deepening federal-local partnerships to reduce homelessness.

The Mayors' discussion is focused on strategies and actions each city is using to provide shelter for those experiencing homelessness, to align funding and programs to create permanent supportive housing units, and to end veterans' homelessness. The meeting with the federal officials is focused on ways the federal government might be able to help, including resources, regulatory flexibility and other approaches.

The West Coast Mayor's Summit is a next step for Eugene following a resolution adopted by Eugene City Council in October declaring the urgency of the housing and homelessness crisis in Eugene and seeking state and federal assistance. The City is committed to exploring ways to partner with state and federal agencies to expand emergency, transitional, and permanent housing opportunities to prevent and end homelessness.

Tomorrow, the Summit will focus on strategies related to addressing climate change.

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